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Labor Legislation Major Issue As GOP Takes Over Congress

Party Liberals Byeing '48 Presidential Race As They Chart Course

Washington, D. C.—Labor legislation became a major issue here in the wake of the November 5 election which put the Re-

As yet the G.O.P. leaders have given no indication whether they are prepared to take the

It is expected that the liberal wing in the Republican Party

will counsel against such a course in an attempt to gain labor support in the Presidential elections of 1948.

In the National Capital the Republican landslide carried with it the certainty of a complete shakeup in congressional committees.

publicans will head Senate and House committees, and many Republicans who have spent years in minority roles will be projected into posts of high decision.

Another issue of prime interest

Republicans who have centered their attention particularly over a long period of years on the high cost of Government began mapping plans

It was regarded as a certainty that American foreign policy would remain virtually untouched under the stewardship of Senator Vandenberg, Re-

Republican of Michigan, who is expected to become the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which he is ranking minority member.

As the Nation was switching from

Democratic to Republican camps, voters in Nebraska and South Dakota endorsed two constitutional amendments to ban union closed shops. A similar constitutional amendment against closed shops was adopted in

In Massachusetts the voters supported a proposal to require unions to make public their financial reports.

authorized the State to make loans to aid veterans to go into business. However, a \$100,000,000 bond issue to help veterans buy homes and farms was approved.

Louisiana—Adopted by an overwhelming vote a constitutional amend-

Michigan — Approved bonuses amounting to \$10 monthly for World

New Jersey—Authorized by a two-to-one vote a \$25,000,000 bond issue for a veterans' emergency housing

Illinois—Voted by a more than two-to-one margin a \$385,000,000 bond issue to implement a plan approved by the legislature to give a bonus of \$10 to veterans of World War II for each

Texas — Favored a constitutional

Rhode Island—In two separate balloting approved a \$200 bonus for soldiers, sailors and marines and a similar amount for Merchant Marine.

The vote in Nebraska to outlaw the closed shop was 173,029 for and 120,734 against, in returns from 1,631 of 2,033 precincts. South Dakota, in 761 precincts, registered 30,471 votes for the amendment and 19,025 against.

Arizona's anticlosed shop vote was 56,387 for and 27,663 against in 351 of 432 precincts.

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Washington, D. C.—High tribute to the conscientious efforts devoted to the International Labor Organization

by Robert Watt, United States Labor delegate to the ILO, was expressed in a recent visit here by Guðhaukur Myrddin-Evans, Deputy Secretary of the British Ministry of Labor and National Service, and Chairman of the

Commenting on the APL official's contribution to the recent Montreal meeting of the ILO, the British Minister said:

the ILO subscribes."

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